Another note on a single architectural fragment from XTE12

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- A single architectural fragment of stone accessioned as <66> was recovered from Context [+].
- The stone measures 305 x 217 x 160mm.
- Its petrology is a light-yellow Caen stone which is a Middle Jurassic, fine-grained oolitic limestone. The stone has historically been quarried from the area surrounding the city of Caen in the Basse-Normandie region of north-western France and is a common imported building material within London.
- The moulding is extremely fragmentary, reworked and truncated, however it seems
 to be a rebated fillet spreading either side of a deep V-cut. A secondary fillet and
 possible circular-work cavetto were also partially visible.
- The stone is very fragmentary and only a small amount of its worked surfaces are still
 in situ, however it seems likely that this stone is part of a traceried window (or
 arcading), possibly the springer of two lights which would have sat directly on top of a
 mullion.
- The surface of the stone betrays some tooling evidence that it may have been reworked to provide a flat surface which could be bedded, otherwise the stone is characterised by fractured surfaces.
- The precise dating of this simple moulding is not possible as it is too fragmentary except to say that it is likely to be from the period 1250-1550. However the proximity of the stone to the medieval monastic foundation of Charterhouse makes that a possible point of origin.
- Due to its fragmentary nature the architectural fragment is of low significance. No further analysis is deemed necessary and if required it is recommended that it be discarded.

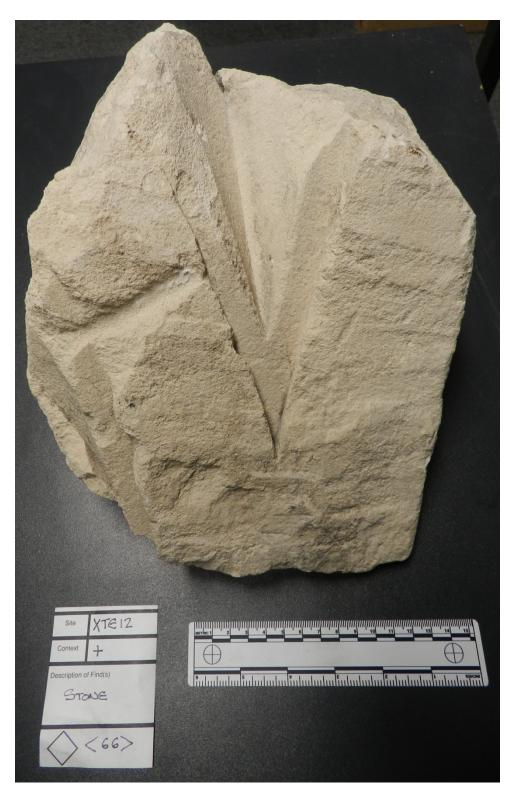


Fig 1 The face of the moulding of stone <66>